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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The amendments and remarks presented herein are believed to be fully responsive to the Office Action which was designated a “final rejection.” Enclosed is a Request for Continuing Examination (RCE) and associated fee. Reconsideration is requested.

Disposition of Claims.

Claims 1-44 were pending in the application. By this amendment, claims 1-44 are cancelled and new claims 45-84 added.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102 and 35 U.S.C. § 103.

Claims 1, 7-14, 16-22, 29-33, 43 and 44 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by United States Patent 6,654,588 issued to Moskowitz et al. (“Moskowitz”). Claims 2-6, 15, 23-28 and 34-42 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Moskowitz in view of patent application Publication No. US 2003/0060222 A1 by Rune (“Rune”). The rejections are traversed. Claims 1-44 are cancelled. The following remarks are directed to the manner in which the new claims further distinguish over Moskowitz alone or in combination with Rune.

Claim 45 includes the requirement that a slave unit determines a hop frequency to respond to a particular polling signal as a function of the information contained in the seed packet and an address assigned to the slave unit, wherein at least some of the slave units respond to that particular polling signal at different hop frequencies. The Examiner’s attention is directed to Fig. 9 of the present application and the corresponding portions of the specification for support for this subject matter which is not taught or suggested by Moskowitz alone or in combination with Rune. Claim 45 further specifies that the base transceiver is adapted to send polling signals and the response transceivers are adapted to send data in response to the polling signal using time domain multiplexing, which is not taught or suggested by Moskowitz alone or in combination with Rune. For at least these reasons, claim 45 is patentably distinguishable over the prior art.

New independent claim 62 includes the requirements that the initial transmission includes transmissions on multiple different hop frequencies according to a spread spectrum protocol and that the slave transceivers are adapted to receive an initial transmission at a particular home frequency. Claim 62 also includes the subject matter of claim 45. For this

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additional reason along with the reasons discussed with respect to claim 45, it is submitted that Moskowitz fails to meet these requirements alone or in combination with Rune.

Accordingly, it is submitted that claim 62 is patentably distinguishable over the prior art.

New independent claim 73 includes the subject matter of claim 62. Claim 73 further specifies that each slave unit is adapted to dynamically move to a different particular home frequency if no polling signal is received within a period of time. For this additional reason, along with the reasons discussed with respect to claims 45 and 62, Moskowitz does not disclose or suggest the subject matter of claim 73 alone or in combination with Rune.

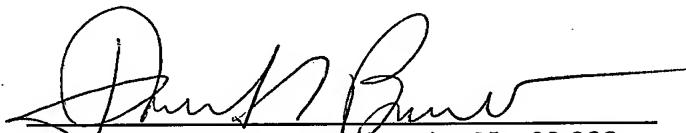
Accordingly, it is submitted that claim 73 is patentably distinguishable over the prior art.

Applicant does not waive any position previously set forth. The new claims are fully supported by the application as originally filed. Accordingly, no new matter is added. Withdrawal of the rejections and issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited. If Examiner Dean has any questions or reservations, it is requested that Examiner Dean call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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